



December 2, 2014

Re: Turkey Creek Project

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

First, let me thank you for your past support and dedication to the Kansas City Area flood control projects. In particular, the Turkey Creek project is on schedule and has been continually funded so that the 150+ small businesses in both Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO remain dry! Your efforts and awareness of the significance of these projects are a true testament to your commitment to your constituents.

We have come again to the time of year when we must ask you to remember the great work that has been done with regard to these projects. Your continued support of these projects is needed so that they may remain on schedule for completion. This letter is to show the full support of Schutte Lumber Company for the work that the Corps of Engineers plans to do in coordination with the cities of Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO.

As is typical in construction, time has gone on and additional findings have risen to the surface. Unforeseen changes during design and construction activities have occurred, including but not limited to, differing site conditions, additional utility relocations, and additional relocation requirements from the railroad companies to facilitate continued railroad operations during construction. These modifications have caused cost and schedule increases. Specific major items include the unknown expanse of the tunnel cavitation and erosion, additional requirements set forth by BNSF to relocate the two bridges and differing site conditions. As such, we support the proposed update to the total project cost to \$145.3M.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

**Michael D. Fuhrman
President**